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To Whom It May Concern,

As I write you today, our federal government has been unfortunately partially-shutdown. While some have disagreed with declaring this a crisis, for the constituents in my district whose lives have been upended I can assure you: this is indeed a crisis.

With over 800,000 federal workers countrywide and a significant amount of men and women in my district now furloughed and missing paychecks, they are rightfully concerned about how they will make ends meet. Frankly, the promise of backpay does not help my constituents when they are worrying now about how they are going to put food on their table, pay their medical bills, and support their families. In short, the people of my district are hurting, and they need your help.

I am writing to ask that E-Z Pass take immediate steps to alleviate pressure on our fellow Americans by delaying withdrawal of funds for impacted federal workers until the government re-opens. I understand this is an unusual request, but these are unusual times. Staten Islanders, South Brooklynites, and all Americans have come together to support our neighbors and it is my sincere hope that E-Z pass will do the same.

I look forward to hearing back from you and seeing how our offices can work together to bring some much-needed relief to the hardworking people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Max Rose
Member of Congress